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(CST): REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON
ENERGY R & D

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1. SUMMARY. AD-HOC GROUP, CHAIRED BY CST CHAIRMAN COLOMBO AND CONSISTING OF REPS FROM TEN MEMBER COUNTRIES, SHOWED PRIORITY MEMBER COUNTRY INTEREST IN (A) EARLY CST CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY AND (B) CONTINUING CST ATTENTION TO ENERGY R& D POLICY ISSUES AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. AGREEMENT REACHED ON FORMAT FOR ENERGY R& D SURVEY WHICH WILL BE ISSUED IN NEAR FUTURE WITH DEADLINE FOR MEMBER COUNTRY RESPONSES OF 31 JANUARY 1974. END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRESS REPORT ON OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY PRESENTED BY BOXER AND OTHER SECRETARIAT MEMBERS OF CENTRAL UNIT.

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DRAFT OUTLINE OF STUDY, APPROVED BY HIGHLEVEL CONSULTANT

SCHNEIDER, HAS BEEN ISSUED SEPTEMBER 21 AS INTERNAL SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, FOR CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT AT SEPTFMBER 21 MEETING OF INTERESTED DIRECTORATES. DRAFT OUTLINE WILL THEN BE RELEASED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICULARLY FOR CONSIDERATION AT OCTOBER 18 MEETING OF CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS OECD COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING INPUTS TO OVERALL STUDY. PRESENT OUTLINE COVERS:

- A. ENERGY PROSPECTS TO 1985 BASED ON PRESENT CONDITIONS AND A RANGE OF ENERGY PRICES WITH IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES.
- B. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN (A) INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF SECURITY OF OIL IMPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES TO 1985, TO 2000, AND BEYOND.
- C. POLICY OPTIONS AND THEIR FORECASTED IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTIONS.

PREPARATION OF PART (A) IS IN PROCESS. THE CENTRAL UNIT STAFF STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE ACCELERATED TIME TABLE PROPOSED BY THE US FOR COMPLETING THE R&D ASSESSMENT IN TIME FOR INCORPORATION IN OVERALL STUDY BY MID-1974. SEC GEN PLANS TO PRESENT PROGRESS REPORT ON OVERALL STUDY TO COUNCIL BY END OCTOBER 1973.

3. REVIEW OF MEMBER COUNTRY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ENERGY R&D ASSESSMENT, DAS/SPR/73.62, SHOWED HIGH PRIORITY INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO OVERALL OECD STUDY AS WELL AS CONTINUING NEED TO CONSIDER ENERGY R&D PROBLEMS IN REGULAR CST PROGRAM. NETHERLANDS REPS DISCUSSED RECENTLY ISSUED R & D ENERGY QUESTIONNAIRE TO EC MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OECD SURVEY. BASED ON US PROPOSAL OECD SURVEY WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON R & D TRENDS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AS FAR AS THAT MAY BE POSSIBLE.

4. AD-HOC GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT RAPIDLY ON FORMAT OF SURVEY OF ENERGY R & D DAS/SPR 73.63, AND REFTL. MINOR MODIFICATIONS WERE AGREED TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION ON INFORMATION REQUIRED AND BACKGROUND ON RELATED STUDIES UNDERWAY UNDER AUSPICES OF OTHER OECD COMMITTEES; E.G. ENERGY COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, NEA, ETC. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO ADD QUESTIONS ON NATIONAL R & D PRIORITIES

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AND ON PROGRAMS REGARDED AS CANDIDATES FOR INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. REVISED FORMAT TO BE APPROVED BY HIGH LEVEL CONSULTANT SCHNEIDER, PROBABLY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, AND ISSUED ASAP (PRIOR TO NEXT CST MEETING) WITH DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES OF 31 JANUARY, 1974.BROWN

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